## Executive Broclamation State of South Bakota

## Office Of The Governor

WHEREAS, On the sixth hour of the sixth day of the sixth month in 1944, 176,000 Allied troops crossed the English Channel and landed on the Normandy beaches from ships, parachutes and gliders to free France and Europe from the lyranny of Adolph Hitler and the Third Reich; and,

WHEREAS, Thousands of American soldiers gave their lives for the cause of liberty on those five beaches of France; and,

WHEREAS, Because of the bravery of countless young men and women, the tide of the war turned, and in less than a year, the Allies celebrated VE-Day on May 8, 1945; and.

WHEREAS, This year marks the fortieth anniversary of the landing at Normandy, and people the world over are pausing to recognize the bravery and selflessness of the soldiers who gave their lives in the cause of freedom; and,

WHEREAS, The people of South Dakota, ever mindful of the cost in human lives and suffering occasioned by the evil in one man's heart, are pausing on June 6 to honor the men and women of the Allied forces who risked and gave life and limb to preserve our way of life:

NOW, THEREFORE, I. WILLIAM J. JANKLOW, Governor of the State of South Dakota, do hereby proclaim June 6, 1984, as

## D-DAY REMEMBRANCE DAY

in South Dakota, and I urge all South Dakotans to pause and reflect upon the sacrifices made by our soldiers at Normandy forty years ago and to honor our veterans of D-Day with appropriate memorials and commemorations.

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IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the State of South Dakota, in Pierre, the Capital City, this Fourth Day of June, in the Year of Our Lord, Nineteen Hundred and Eighty-Four

WILLIAM J. JANKLOW, GOVERNOR

ATTEST:

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